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Identical letters dated 14 August 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a complaint about Israeli enemy forces, which on 16 July 2012 undertook engineering work on the Blue Line (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as an official document of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 14 August 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On 16 July 2012, at approximately 0400 hours, the Israeli enemy undertook engineering work on the Blue Line in the vicinity of Mazra'at Fashkul, at coordinates Q:747865-N:684739. A United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon patrol was close to the place in which the hostile work was being undertaken. The Israeli enemy finished work at 0535 hours, and it later became clear that they had dug a trench and erected an earthen berm at coordinates Q:747617-N:684836, and removed a blue-painted stone that had indicated the position of the Blue Line.

Such conduct indicates the following:

The aim of the engineering work undertaken by the Israeli enemy was to block the paved road that leads to the Lebanese side of the Blue Line by means of the trench and the earthen berm (10m x 10m x 5m).

All the engineering work undertaken by the Israeli enemy is 23 metres beyond the Blue Line, on the Lebanese side, and therefore a violation of the Line.

The area in which the hostile work was undertaken was in the vicinity of Mazra'at Fashkul, in the occupied Shab'a Farms. In 2000, Lebanon expressed an objection with regard to the Blue Line in that area.

This breach constitutes a flagrant violation of Lebanese sovereignty, international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and poses a threat to international peace and security.